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LETTER DATED 3 DECEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by Mr. Osman Ertuğ, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its enclosure, which contains a letter dated 14 November 1993, sent to the President of the Security Council by Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 3 December 1993 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the letter addressed to the President of the Security Council for the month of November 1993, by Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, in connection with the positive response of the Turkish Cypriot side to the extension of the unmanning agreement to other areas of the buffer zone in Cyprus, as called for by the Secretary-General in his report to the Security Council (S/25912 dated 9 June 1993) and endorsed by Council resolution 839 (1993) of 11 June 1993.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its enclosure were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Enclosure

Letter dated 14 November 1993 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the call made to both sides by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in paragraph 48 of his report (S/25912) to the Security Council (also endorsed by Council resolution 839 (1993) of 11 June 1993) to cooperate with the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) in order to extend the unmanning agreement of 1989 to all areas of the buffer zone controlled by the United Nations where the two sides are in close proximity, and to reiterate that the Turkish Cypriot side is ready and willing to take this matter up with UNFICYP and to cooperate in this respect with all good will.

It will be recalled that the positive stance of the Turkish Cypriot side in this regard was also conveyed to the United Nations by our Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defence, Mr. Kenan Atakol, at his meeting with the United Nations Deputy Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Gustave Feissel, on 5 November 1993.

In paragraph 48 of the above-mentioned report, the Secretary-General urges both sides "to take reciprocal measures to lower the tension, including mutual commitments, through UNFICYP". We believe that discussion on these issues could start without delay between the Turkish Cypriot side and UNFICYP in order to reach a mutually acceptable arrangement in accordance with the relevant paragraph of the Secretary-General's report.

At a time when confidence-building measures are being discussed, violations of the buffer zone by the Greek Cypriot demonstrators, in complete defiance of the Secretary-General's call on the two parties to exercise maximum restraint in this regard, have continued unabated, resulting in a further deepening of the crisis of confidence between the two peoples on the island. Demonstrations along the borders were intensified during the Commonwealth Summit Conference held in South Cyprus. There is no doubt that these incidents were incited by the authorities of the Greek Cypriot administration. In view of the well-planned and organized nature of these demonstrations and border violations, and the failure of the Greek Cypriot police to curb them, it can be safely pointed out that these acts are connived at by the Greek Cypriot authorities, in order to create artificial tension on the island and to keep the Cyprus issue alive on the agenda of the world community.

These are no doubt important matters which should be borne in mind when considering the issue of confidence-building measures. In addition to the above, the negative attitude of the Greek Cypriot side towards the confidence-building measures, as evidenced by the recent public statements by Mr. Glafkos Clerides and his Government spokesman, have rendered the uneasy path towards reconciliation and confidence-building even more difficult to pursue.

It is accepted by all concerned that the Cyprus dispute is one between the two communities and that a settlement, which is acceptable to both sides, must be reached after free negotiations on an equal footing. The Turkish Cypriot

side has amply demonstrated its good will by cooperating with the United Nations authorities and experts with regard to the confidence-building measures and other issues, despite its preoccupation with the forthcoming general election in December.

The Security Council should, therefore, call upon the Greek Cypriot side to desist from all activities which are not conducive to a peaceful settlement and to reciprocate to the good will and positive stance shown by the Turkish Cypriot side by engaging in meaningful and constructive dialogues with regard to the confidence-building measures, including the extension of the 1989 unmanning agreement to all parts of the buffer zone where forces of the two sides remain in close proximity, with a view to ensuring that there is no further increase in tension which would jeopardize efforts to reach an amicable settlement between the two sides.

(Signed) Rauf R. DENKTAŞ
President